

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): AUDIO APPARATUS

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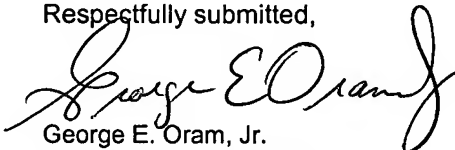
- ☒ 16 pages of Specification/Claims 1-6/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figss. 1-9; 8 sheets) is attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Pioneer Corporation and Tohoku Pioneer Corporation is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 2 reference.
- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2002-314304 filed October 29, 2002 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$810.00 (\$770 for the filing fee and \$40 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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